

THE BIG FIGHT.

The Final Details are Being Arranged.

Corbett Goes to Church With His Wife.

CHECK MATTER FIXED.

Militia Won't Make Trouble it is Thought.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 22.—When, at half past 5 o'clock last evening, the referee and stakeholder, John Kelly, received news from Corbett's training quarters, he brought joy to the anxious crowd of sports who awaited his return, for it was announced that it had finally been agreed by the club managers with whom he made the trip to Corbett, that all restrictions shall be taken off that much discussed \$20,000 check.

The fact of the stake being altered in character from a certified check to cash in bank payable to the referee's order, in accordance with the term of his decision at any time after the fighters have put up their hands in a ring, will go a long way towards removing a very lively apprehension that some sort of a bluff was being played.

Referee Kelly told the press representatives that he had also finally decided another point about which there has been much interesting discussion. This was his location during the combat, as well as on performing his duties inside the ring.

Mitchell is making a good deal about this. At a preliminary meeting in New York to consider the articles of agreement, Mitchell made a stand for equality requiring the referee to stand outside the ropes during the combat, but this was opposed by Corbett's representatives, and Mitchell finally agreed to sign articles which contain a deviation of the points.

He has insisted that the proper place for the referee is outside the ropes, and that the Questioning referee has no right to action in the center and in holding. It is not likely however, that the issue will prove so ticklishly trouble as a split decision at the ringside, as Kelly is determined to be made in the ring where he can, if necessary physically enforce his claimants to "break away."

On account of the importance attached to the decision arrived at concerning the fight, the question of gubernatorial interference has not been much discussed to day. There have been some interesting developments on that score however. The members of the Second Florida battalion residing outside of Jacksonville have been ordered to rendezvous here on Friday next.

This seems more formidable than it really is, as all will marshal only seventy-five militiamen, that being the number in the battalion living outside of town. The location of the camp for the soldiers has been selected in a number of water tanks between Bay street, the Broadway of this city, and the St. Johns river.

It seems that the general purpose will be that they will not be asked to do anything but enjoy themselves, and that Governor Mitchell will be content with this evidence of his determination to stop the fight and let it go.

The plan of campaign which it is believed these soldiers have adopted is to buy tickets to the fight, spending the afternoon until twelve o'clock Thursday evening. At that day and hour General Lamar will send to the hotels informing ticket holders of the depot they are to go to.

These special trains will be in waiting to which only holders of club tickets will be admitted, and the spectators will be carried to the battle-ground where preparations for the fight can be completed in an hour's time.

The militia, it is asserted, will not be ordered to follow. A large crowd went to Mayport to see Corbett yesterday. Corbett went to church with his wife in the morning and did no training all day.

TO ARREST BOTH.

On the Morning of the Fight Governor Mitchell Will Step In.

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 22.—Among several attorneys of this city the opinion that Governor Mitchell intends an important move on the morning of the 25th is gaining strength. They have an idea of preventing the fight by means of the militia. The governor will order the arrest of Corbett and Mitchell on the charge of arranging a fight, while Attorney General Lamar fails to come within the law providing the arranging for a fight.

The men were arrested several weeks ago on the same charge, but County Judge Christie said to have been acting under instructions from the governor, refused to introduce evidence and the case, which was intended to rest on the law, fell through. The law in charge was not pressed, however, to prevent the arrest of Corbett and Mitchell again on the same charge.

Should they be arrested on the morning of the 25th, it would necessitate a postponement of the battle for one day at least, and the men would undoubtedly be put under heavy bonds to keep the peace, until the courts decided the legality of the matter. This would effectively put an end to the contest. In case it was decided the fighters were within the limits of the law, it is not probable the contest would then take place, as the men would be out of condition and the crowd gone.

A report came up from the Mitchell training quarters last night to the effect that the English champion, during his exercise early in the evening, had sprained and stretched his leg. The club sent a commissioner to Anthonysburg to notify Mitchell special car would be in readiness for him on Wednesday morning. According to the commissioner when he returned, Mitchell

was in a very unpleasant state of mind when he learned what was required of him.

It is said he declared he would not fight under the auspices of such a club, and that he had put in with too many other bluffs already. The commissioner was then told of the injury which the English champion had sustained. How serious it may be was not learned.

Al Smith, lawyer, came in with a proposition which he offered to bet \$5,000 against \$1,000 that Mitchell would get into the club and get into the ring with Corbett Thursday.

The Dual shall be called as soon as response to the summons in which Mitchell is said to have made, in which the Englishman is served with a formal warning that the club would claim his forfeit of \$5,000 if he did not appear at the point indicated in the original summons Wednesday at 11 a.m. In addition to this, it is authoritatively stated, the referee will award the \$5,000 side bet to Corbett in that event. There is considerable other money which Mitchell would lose if he failed to subject himself to the orders of the Dual Club.

An attachment is to be served today on Corbett's professional property at Mayport for \$1,000, alleged damages to the property occupied by the party. The cottage used for training and sleeping quarters are the property of Judson Gibbs, of the temple court, and Claus Meyer of this city.

They claim Corbett occupied the property without the consent of the owners. State Attorney Hartridge returned from Tallahassee today after a consultation with Governor Mitchell. Hartridge said the governor had left the instructions of Sheriff Brown to Attorney General Lamar and the state's attorney.

The attorney general together with Adjutant General Houston will arrive in Jacksonville today or tomorrow. The three heads will then be brought together and as a result the staff will receive orders. Mr. Hartridge said should the crowd board a train, none of the railroad employees would be arrested, but he would say nothing as to whether the principals would be set free.

MITCHELL'S STRAINED ANKLE.

Be Goe It Going Up Lighthouse Stairs—It Isn't Authorized.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 22.—William A. Brady, manager of James J. Corbett, arrived in Jacksonville from Mayport this morning. He had risen earlier than the champion pugilist and after hearing the story of Mitchell's "black down"—exacted a pledge from all those who were stopping at Corbett's training quarters, to keep Corbett in ignorance of the "news" and directed that some of the papers should be brought near the place, when asked what he thought about Mitchell, Brady replied: "I feel certain, as I always have been, that Mitchell does not want to fight, and if he should get into the ring, which now seems less possible, I predict that he will do so merely in order to save the \$5,000 forfeit and the \$2,000 which I wagered with him that he would not appear in the ring."

"By that you mean what?" "That," answered Brady, "the moment the men shake hands Mitchell will do one of two things—either he'll fight or Corbett will fight after the first round." Mr. Fred Bowden of the Dual club, when approached as a reporter, said: "I still maintain that the fight will take place, and that Corbett will not run away and like some of his former masters, this will be disposed of before daylight. There is absolutely nothing for Mitchell to do but fight."

Those who were on the inside are beginning to laugh at the notion of Mitchell's sprained ankle. He was said to have done it going up the lighthouse stairs, but as nobody was with him at the time the sprain is not authenticated.

PONY'S MOORE ARRIVES.

The Father-in-Law of Mitchell Lands in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Pony Moore, father-in-law of Charles Mitchell, has arrived here from London and is a conspicuous figure in sporting circles. He left this morning for Jacksonville, where he will join the English purist. In an interview Mr. Moore says his son, Def. Mitchell will win the fight.

"I think he is far harder hitting than Corbett," said the son-in-law, "as game as game gets when you hit 'em."

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